

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:         | ) |                        |
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| Doug SWEET et al.             | ) | Group Art Unit: 1797   |
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| Application No.: 10/538,964   | ) | Examiner: D. Henkel    |
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| Filed: June 14, 2005          | ) | Confirmation No.: 5627 |
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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR | ) |                        |
| AUTOMATIC STAINING OF         | ) |                        |
| TISSUE SAMPLES                | ) |                        |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a two month extension of time to file a reply to the Office  
Action mailed October 1, 2008. A fee of \$490.00 is enclosed.


Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached  
reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 2, 2009

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